

THE STORY OF THE RUSSELL HOMESTEAD

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A Shortened Story of the Establishment of the Russell Homestead:

In 1840 Christina Anderson and John Russell came to America from Scotland where they were both born.

They arrived about Oct. 1st 1840 and came to McAlla City (now Elkdale, Pa.) to visit Martha Anderson (Christina's sister) and her husband Archibald McAlla (on their way to Wooster, Ohio).

There after a visit of only six weeks, John Russell became ill and died of pneumonia.

He was buried Oct. 16th in the Elkdale church yard cemetery. ¹

Their plans for a permanent home in Wooster, Ohio where their older daughters ² lived, never culminated and the widow decided to settle in Pennsylvania because the widow (Mrs. John Russell) said she "did not want to leave John's body."

The widow bought a farm on the back road (road connecting Crystal Lake--regular approach from Carbondale and road to the Elkview Country Club). There, she, with her two sons and three daughters lived. ³

James and Christina (twins), John the youngest (who married Jeanette Cameron), May (who married Joseph Slocum of Dundaff) ⁴ and Minnie unmarried who lived with her mother on the farm.

The Scotch people are clannish and very much interested in newcomers.

Carbondale's first broker and keeper of a large department store was a Scotchman named THOMAS GILLESPIE ⁵ who be-